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## **FCDAC, INC. TO HONOR FORMER FBI AGENT SAMUEL HICKS**

Former Pittsburgh-area FBI agent Samuel Hicks will be honored at Fayette County Drug and Alcohol Commission, Inc.'s (FCDAC, Inc.) 4th Annual Red Ribbon 5K Run/Walk on Saturday, October 31, 2009 at Penn State Fayette, The Eberly Campus.

Hicks, an advocate of a drug free lifestyle since his days as a Students Against Drunk Driving (SADD) member at Southmoreland High School in Mount Pleasant, was fatally shot November 19 last year during a drug raid in the Pittsburgh suburb of Glenshaw.

FCDAC, Inc.'s Prevention Specialist Charles Wortman who knew Hicks for many years suggested that the commission's annual Red Ribbon Week run/walk be a tribute to Hicks. Red Ribbon Week is a nationally recognized event that has served as a symbol of drug prevention for the past 24 years, where millions of our American population wears a red ribbon to show that young people and adults are united for a drug-free society.

Growing up just across the Fayette County border in Mount Pleasant, Westmoreland County, Hicks has many local ties to Fayette County; but none more prevalent than the time spent as part of the ski patrol at Seven Springs Mountain Resort where he made many friends, including Wortman.

As a child Hicks began coming to Seven Springs with his family. In 1993, he was hired at the resort as a tiny tot's instructor, before moving onto becoming one of the resorts first snowboard patrollers. After 10 years at the resort, Hicks began a new chapter in his life as a teacher.

Three years later, Hicks left the classroom behind to become Officer Hicks, serving on the Baltimore, MD police force from 2002 to 2007.

In March 2007, Hicks became an FBI agent. By August of that same year, he returned home to Western Pennsylvania to be based out of the Pittsburgh FBI office.

Hicks' is survived by his wife, Brooke, and a three-year-old son.

To honor the memory of Hicks, FCDAC, Inc. will name the first-place overall Male and Female runner and walker awards after him. Presenting the awards will be Hicks' mother Charlotte Carrabotta, Hicks' sister Emily Hicks, and his best friend Charles Hileman.

FCDAC, Inc.'s 4th Annual Red Ribbon 5K Run/Walk is sponsored by Interim Health Care of Uniontown and set to begin at 9AM.